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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the application of

K. Coffey et al.

Group Art Unit: 2651

Serial No. 09/874,673

Examiner: Alan Faber

Filed: June 4, 2001

For: THERMALLY ASSISTED MAGNETIC RECORDING SYSTEM AND METHOD
OF WRITING USING MAGNETIC AND THERMAL GRADIENTS

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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RESPONSE

Technology Center 2600

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30,
2003, please enter the following amendments.

Please cancel claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8 10 and 13. Please
amend claim 2 and claim 11.

1. (cancelled) A magnetic write head, comprising:

an optical element for providing a thermal gradient in
a magnetic recording media, said optical element having an
emitting surface; and